Emigration during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) the number of complaints which have been disposed of, year-wise ;

(c) the number of complaints which are still pending for final disposal ;

(d) which is the oldest complaint pending for disposal ;

(e) the number of cases on which Government initiated action ; and

(f) in how many cases did Government compensate the emigrant workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (f) The number of complaints received, disposed of & those pending for final disposal, during the last three years are as under :—

Year	No. of complaints received	No. of complaints disposed of	No. of complaints pending final disposal
1991	54	36	18
1992	69	35	34
1993 (Upto 31-10-93)	170	93	77

The oldest complaint pending for final disposal pertains to the year 1986 against M/s Ansar Brothers, Delhi.

In 51 cases Government had initated action.

There is no provision under the Emigration Act, 1983 for providing compensation to the emigrant workers by the Government.

Food grains taken off from Public Distribution System

*49. SHRI DEBARATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fart that food grains had been taken-off from Public Distribution System during the past few months ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Exploitation of Child Labour

*50. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Pioneer of 14th September, 1993 high-lighting the in human bondage and continuous exploitation of the child labour in the various industrial units, despite law on the subject ;

(b) if so, what are the results achieved so far from the programmes formulated and implemented by Government to improve the lot of the child labour in the country ; and

(c) what changes are contemplated by Government in the strategy/labour laws to protect children from hazardous conditions in the occupations in which they are engaged ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Eradication of child labour in the near future being considered difficult to achieve, Government aims to eliminate child labour progressively. This is sought to be achieved through legislation, better enforcement of laws relating to child labour, welfare programmes, spreading greater awareness amongst parents, employers and society at large and extension of education to increasing number of children. Child